



# Federal Emergency Management Agency

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The Honorable Yvonne Burke  
Chairperson, Los Angeles County  
Board of Supervisors  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
Case No.: 97-09-783P

Community: Los Angeles County, California  
Community No.: 065043  
Panel Affected: 0345 B  
Effective Date of **AUG 18 1997**  
This Revision:

102-I-C

Dear Ms. Burke:

This responds to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated April 22, 1997, Mr. David Yamahara, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Public Works, County of Los Angeles, requested that FEMA revise the FIRM to show the effects of construction of levees along both banks of Bouquet Canyon from its confluence with the Santa Clara River to just downstream of Bouquet Canyon Road, along both banks of Dry Canyon from its confluence with Bouquet Canyon to approximately 450 feet upstream, and along the north bank of the Santa Clara River from approximately 1,100 feet downstream to just downstream of Bouquet Canyon Road. This request follows up on a Conditional Letter of Map Revision issued on January 24, 1996.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Mr. Yamahara and [REDACTED]

We have completed our review of the submitted data and the flood data shown on the effective FIRM. We have revised the FIRM to modify the floodplain boundary delineations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along Bouquet Canyon, Dry Canyon, and the Santa Clara River. As a result of the modifications, the width of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the base flood, decreased and is contained by the levees along both banks of Bouquet Canyon and Dry Canyon. The SFHA width for the Santa Clara River increased from approximately 1,900 feet downstream of Bouquet Canyon Road to the confluence with Bouquet Canyon as a result of the alignment of the levee along the west bank of Bouquet Canyon. The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copy of FIRM Panel(s) 0345 B. This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) hereby revises the above-referenced panel(s) of the effective FIRM dated December 2, 1980.

The modifications are effective as of the date shown above. The map panel(s) as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

A review of the determination made by this LOMR and any requests to alter this determination should be made within 30 days. Any request to alter the determination must be based on scientific or technical data.

This LOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development, and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the SFHA. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

The basis of this LOMR is, in whole or in part, a channel-modification project. NFIP regulations, as cited in Paragraph 60.3(b)(7), require that communities ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management regulations. Consequently, the ultimate responsibility for maintenance of the modified channel rests with your community.

Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR throughout the community, so that interested persons, such as property owners, local insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from the information. We also encourage you to prepare a related article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the changes that have been made and the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

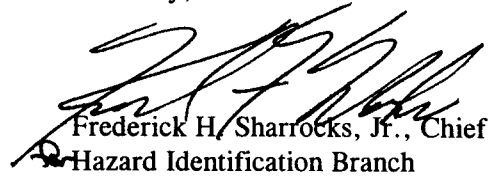
This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed minimum NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM to which the regulations apply and the modifications made by this LOMR. Our records show that your community has met this requirement.

A Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) has been designated to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Ms. Dorothy M. Lacey  
Director, Mitigation Division  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX  
The Presidio of San Francisco, Building 105  
San Francisco, California 94129-1250  
(415) 923-7177

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the CCO for your community at the telephone number cited above. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact Mr. John Magnotti of our staff in Washington, DC, either by telephone at (202) 646-3932 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,



Frederick H. Sharrocks, Jr., Chief  
Hazard Identification Branch  
Mitigation Directorate

Enclosure(s)

cc: Mr. David Yamahara  
Assistant Deputy Director  
Planning Division  
Department of Public Works  
County of Los Angeles



